

RICHMOND NEWS AND GOSSIP

Anniversary Celebration of General Lee's Birthday.

GOVERNOR IN WASHINGTON

The Chief Executive and His Two Daughters in the National Capital—Wants Virginia Reimbursed For Money Expended in Cuban War—E. D. Christian's Will—Two Weddings—News Notes of Interest.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 19.—The observance of General Lee's birthday was quite general in the old Capital of the Confederacy. The Capitol and the State Library were closed; the City Hall was closed; the schools were closed; the banks were closed; many business houses gave their employees a holiday, or half-holiday. To-night, at Lee Camp Hall, there was the usual watch fire at which the old "vets" related hundreds of stories of war-days, and of the chieftain, whose memory has become the heritage of Americans of all sections.

By the way, apropos of General Lee's birthday, an officer of the regular army told me to-day that there were only two great strategists of the war—General Lee and General Jackson. He is a Northern man, and has served for 22 years chiefly with officers from the North. He said further that the battle of Fredericksburg is now regarded by military men of the world as one of the most brilliant in plan and in execution of any ever fought. "The tactics displayed by General Lee in disposing his forces were matchless," he said; "they were absolutely original, and they have been adopted by all the great armies. Only military men know how really great General Lee's genius was."

THE GOVERNOR IN WASHINGTON.
Governor Tyler and his two daughters went to Washington to-day. They will return Saturday. Governor Tyler will endeavor to expedite the passage of the bill to reimburse Virginia for the money expended by the State in getting her troops ready for the field last spring. There is no doubt of the final passage of the bill, though it is delayed.

WILL OF MR. EDWARD D. CHRISTIAN.
The will of the late Edward D. Christian, the large tobacco dealer and paper manufacturer of this city, who died last week, was admitted to probate in the Chancery Court to-day. The will is remarkable in that it leaves the estate, valued at \$115,500 in fee simple, to the wife of the testator, with the exception of fifteen shares of railroad stock to his eldest daughter, Miss Helen D. Christian. George and Dorothy do not get a penny. Mr. Christian's wife, Mrs. Helen P., and his brother, Frank W. Christian, are made executrix and executor. They gave bond in the sum of \$150,000 each. The decedent is said to have left some valuable mining property in the West and real estate in New York, which is not devised.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY.
A meeting of Hollywood Memorial Association was held at noon to-day in the lecture-room of the Second Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Joseph Bryan presiding. Mrs. N. V. Randolph and Mrs. George A. Lyon, of the senior association, were appointed to confer with the Junior body regarding a mass meeting on May 20, which is the anniversary of the former's organization. Appropriate resolutions were prepared in connection with the death of the association's "most valued and distinguished friend," the late Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge. All arrangements for Memorial Day were perfected.

IN MEXICO AND CUBA.
Mr. Merrivether Jones has returned to the city from a delightful trip through the South. He left here about five weeks ago and went to Asheville, Chattanooga, Birmingham and New Orleans, whence he visited the City of Mexico and Vera Cruz. He was much impressed with what he saw in Mexico and was much pleased with the country.

Mr. Jones also visited Havana and Tampa before returning home. He says Havana is a most interesting place to tourists, but at present shows the injurious effects of the war to a marked degree. Mr. Jones says the general physical condition of the part of the South through which he traveled has undergone a decided improvement of late, and the business outlook is decidedly brighter.

CRAZY ON THE STREET.
Mattie Bureley, colored, caused considerable commotion in the vicinity of her residence at Baker and Second streets this morning, and her action

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created the suspicion that she was crazy. Officer Griffin carried her to the Second station and a commission of lunacy will be held.

TWO WEDDINGS.
Last evening at 6:30 o'clock Mr. William L. Dowell and Miss Maggie Phillips were united in the bonds of matrimony by the Rev. S. R. Maxwell. The bride and groom are residents of Gordonsville. The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. John W. Davis and was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives. The couple left on the 7:40 train for a Northern tour.

Mr. Ernest M. Moore and Miss Blanche E. Jenkins were married to-night at the home of the bride's father, Mr. William Jenkins, in Henrico county.

FOR UNDERGROUND WIRES.
The movement on foot to compel all electric wires in Richmond to be placed under ground, is gaining strength. The Board of Fire Commissioners and the chief of the fire department endorse the scheme, and are working for it.

There was no surprise created here by the publication of the Associated Press dispatch from Havana this morning, to the effect that the Fourth Virginia Regiment was soon to be ordered home for mustering out. The men are evidently not pleased with Cuba. Every day Governor Tyler receives letters from some of them asking his aid in getting them out of the service. The men complain of the warm climate, the poor food, and the hard work required of them.

TOWN OF SUFFOLK Celebration of the Birthday of Lee.

Street Parade—Music—Bunting—Judge Kirby and Colonel Holland Eloquently Extol Virtues of Matchless Chieftain and Men.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)
Suffolk, Va., Jan. 19.—With martial music, inspiring eloquence and enthusiasm that was boundless, the whole of Suffolk stopped work to-day and helped to honor the memory of Lee. They did it with a will. All the veterans in nearby counties were invited by the Tom Smith Camp to join them in the celebration. Many came.

Grouped on the stage in the auditorium of the City Hall Theatre, decorated with Confederate and national flags, and a life-size likeness of Lee, the grizzled heroes of '65, a little grayer, a little older and slightly more bent than a year ago, with a few more of their number absent, made a picture that stirred varied emotions. To watch them as their enthusiasm was kindled, the memories revived by the mention of their beloved leader's name, was an interesting study to those who know not war's experience. The old vets were young again as associations transported them backwards 35 years. When the speeches were over some of them almost hugged their comrades and danced for joy. It was a sight worth going miles to see.

THE PARADE.
The veterans assembled in front of their armory at 2:30 p. m. Headed by the Honorable Military Band they marched to the residence of their orator, E. E. Holland, Esq., and escorted him to the hall. The band boys never played better. During the march and in the hall the following pieces were rendered: "Dixie," "Maryland," "Tom Smith Camp March," "Carry Me Back," "Non-Paradi," and "Veni, Vidi, Vici."

Colonel Thomas W. Smith was master of ceremonies and Rev. D. B. Austin, of Crittenden, opened with prayer. Mr. Virginia Kirby introduced Mr. Holland in a touching address. Mr. Holland's oration was a masterful effort, ably composed and eloquently delivered.

MR. KIRBY'S ADDRESS.
Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen: "As we pause on this anniversary occasion thoughts of the past rush on us. Sweet memory comes and gently leads us through her twilight realms over rough billows of time to buried hopes and unfulfilled anticipations. It recalls the boyish pride and bright hopes that thrilled our hearts at the first touch of war that led us over long, foot-sore marches and bloody battles—bright jewels around which the tenderest chords of the heart are closely entwined.

"The summons of the matchless army of Northern Virginia points to the long marches and bloody battles from Bethel to Appomattox as monuments of duty. Like islands that slumber in the ocean they are sacred resting places for the soldier's battle energies—they are sweet choristers ever chanting praises to a priceless manhood.

"No vanity prompts the pride with which the Confederate soldier refers to his ever glorious career. Others have sought to make an echo around the world his imperishable deeds of valor, and his patient endurance of suffering. Even crowned heads have paused to bow in recognition of his splendid achievements.

is so intense, and ceaseless pursuit after wealth is often the pace that kills. I sometimes fear that we leave our children to learn from governors or teachers many of the lessons that ought to be taught around the family fireside, and impressed upon their young minds by some memorial of our own love and admiration.

"And yet I have no disposition to decry the present. We have reaped from the lives of our ancestors harvests of richest blessings; we enjoy advantages and opportunities of the fullest development of the truest manhood, and we still have heroes as the natural products of our civilization, and yet none greater than composed that body of incomparable infantry, the Army of Northern Virginia, which, vital in all its parts, died only in its annihilation.

"The present merciless, position-seeking, money-making, spirit of the American people has not as was supposed by our late enemies, the Spaniards, driven from our shores the patriot and the soldier."

The orator reviewed briefly the Spanish-American war, sketched in short the principal points in Lee's biography, and repeated Ben Hill's touching eulogy on Lee, which has been printed in these columns.

"We can declare to the Union soldier that we claim the memory of his gallant chieftain, in the depths of whose great soul, on the field of Appomattox, the faults of the American soldier were lost and his virtues found, as a common heritage of the American people. We can say to him that we now hail the Stars and Stripes as the banner under which the great Southern general, Washington, led our fathers to victory and to independence, and as the flag of an indestructible Union.

"I stood last summer on Cemetery Hill, Gettysburg, near the spot where the brave and gallant Armistead fell. Beside me stood a Confederate veteran whose eyes filled with tears as he spoke of his fallen friends and comrades. I looked with him down into the bloody angle, out upon the still open wheat field, and saw the slope up which Lee's gallant Virginians fought, broke through the Federal lines and, with shouts of victory, planted their banners on the captured Federal guns. I realized then, possibly as never before, how the Confederate soldier, breasting the pitiless storm of shot and shell, offered his life as a willing sacrifice for the cause he loved so well.

"But you were outnumbered. You were fighting the Federals at their own hearthstones, almost in hearing distance of the prayers of their wives and children for victory, and no wonder you could not hold the positions gained and were forced with saddened hearts to leave the field unwon.

"The grand life of the grand old chieftain was nearing its close, the summons from his Creator had already been issued; on the 12th day of October, 1870, it reached his home and found him 'who had lived through all these years wearing the white uniform of a nameless life' at peace with his own conscience and with his God. To the grave, 'the world's sweetest inn from pain and weariness' his body was committed, but his freed spirit crossed over the river and found rest under the shade of the trees planted around that home 'not made with hands eternal and in the heavens,' and rest undisturbed by war or rumors of war, free from care, sorrow and pain, and there with the angelic hosts gone on before he shall forever sing praises around the heavenly throne and forever hereafterwards join in sweetest welcome to the Christian soldiery of the world.

"The matchless soldier, the peerless Christian gentleman, great in war, greater in peace and greatest of all in death, worthy of our love in life, is still more worthy of our memorial to-day."

NEWPORT NEWS Street Railway Company Institutes Injunction Proceedings.

Two New Battleships Nearly Ready for Duty—Two More A. T. Company's Vessels Seized—Soldier Starving in Cuba.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 19.—Mr. W. J. Payne, president of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, arrived in the city this morning from Richmond with a proposition, and it is not at all unlikely that Mr. Payne's proposition will be accepted by the council. This may be determined at once or it may not be determined for some time.

From a reliable source it is learned that the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company proposes to withdraw its suits against the city and that against M. Honan & Son, the sewer contractors, each for \$20,000, provided the council would restore its rights in the corporate limits under its franchise.

Later this afternoon it is learned that the company has instituted injunction proceedings enjoining the council from interfering with the company, and also from granting a franchise covering its former privileges to any other railway company.

BATTLESHIPS NEARLY READY.
The condition of work on vessels building for the navy as reported to Chief Constructor Hiebhorn shows that two battleships will be added to the fighting strength before the close of the year, and possibly another, which is well advanced and may be ready for commission. A detailed statement, prepared by Constructor Hiebhorn, indicates that the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky, building at Newport News, are so well advanced that both may be ready for delivery to the government by July 1, and if crews are available they will no doubt be attached to some fleet soon after.

The Alabama, building at Cramps, is within 20 per cent of completion. The Cramps report she will be ready for service by the late autumn.

The Illinois and Wisconsin, the former building at the Virginia yard and the latter at San Francisco, will scarcely be ready for duty for eighteen months.

WOMAN'S SENTIMENTS.

They Are Little Understood by Men, but they Cause Her Untold Happiness or Misery.



The girl of to-day is the mother of future generations. Humanity is absolutely dependent for its continuance and preservation on the knowledge and stamina and health of women. Woman's lot and her relations to the world are such as to deserve a great deal more attention and consideration from science than she has yet received.

The American race of women in particular has questions to settle that are much more important than the extension of the suffrage to women or the enactment of a national divorce law.

Why is it that there are so many feeble and sickly women all over the land? Why is it that not an average of over one child is born to an American woman? Why is it that hundreds of thousands of American men will not marry at all?

Have you ever thought of these things? It is because disease is striking at the very root of the American race. It is because most diseases can trace their cause to one source; viz., trouble of the kidneys and adjacent organs.

The kidneys are the great organs of the body, but this is little realized or understood. A healthy, happy woman with good complexion, good appetite and hopeful spirits never has diseased kidneys. The same is true of men.

But kidney disease is so deceitful so treacherous, so strange in its approaches that it often steals into the body and deceives the victim before he is aware. Bright's disease, like consumption, was formerly considered incurable. Now it is known that it can positively be cured, and it is also known that there is but one absolute cure for diseases of the kidneys and the female organs, and that is Warner's Safe Cure.

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for Portland and Boston, have been seized at the instigation of Halifax parties for debt.

COMPLAINT OF FOOD.
Attorney E. S. Robinson this morning received a letter from his son, Private Gordon M. Robinson, who is with the Huntington Rifles at Havana. In that letter the young Newport News soldier, who volunteered to defend the nation's honor, complains bitterly of the quality of food set before the soldiers of his company and reluctantly asks his father for money with which to purchase food that will stay on his stomach and serve as nourishment.

OFF TO CLEVELAND.
Councilmen E. I. Ford and A. E. Burcher and City Engineer G. W. Flitchett left this afternoon for Cleveland, Ohio, to confer with the officials of the King Bridge Company, which has the contract for the overhead bridges, in reference to the proposed change of grade on the Twenty-fifth street structure.

THE COCKADE CITY.
GENERAL LEE'S BIRTHDAY—THE PROPOSED FAIR—BRIEFS.

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 19.—The anniversary of General Lee's birthday was observed to-day by the A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans. There was a parade of the veterans in the afternoon. To-night a banquet was served in Masonic Hall and a reunion of the veterans held. The occasion was rather informal than otherwise, as no set toasts or addresses had been arranged.

Mrs. Harry F. Keefe, who has been ill for some weeks from the effects of a severe attack of spinal meningitis, has suffered a relapse, and her condition is such as to leave but little hope of her recovery.

Work on the new electric street railway has not yet been commenced, but it is expected there will not be any unnecessary delay, and that the construction of the road will be rapidly pushed when begun.

The annual sermon before A. P. Hill Camp will be preached next Sunday at the Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. W. W. Leary.

The operations in behalf of the fair proposed to be held here next fall are progressing favorably. The question of the site of the fair grounds has not yet been settled, but that will be done after the complete organization of the association, which, it is hoped, will be accomplished next week. The twelve members of the Board of Directors from Petersburg have been practically agreed upon, but a little time is required to select the twelve from the adjacent counties and North Carolina.

LONG DISTANCE ORATORY.

SPEAKERS AT FIVE BANQUETS TO BE HEARD SIMULTANEOUSLY.
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Chicago, Jan. 19.—The local societies of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of Chicago, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis, will hold their annual banquets on the night of February 3. Only one toastmaster will be required to preside over all. The different banquet halls will be connected by long-distance telephones.

Speeches from Governor Roosevelt, of New York, Thomas A. Edison and others will be heard in each of the banqueting halls.

At each plate will be placed a tiny oblong telephone receiver, and each diner, by holding the little instrument to his ear, will listen to after-dinner speeches hundreds of miles away. The most prominent of the long-distance speakers will not be present personally at any of the banquets, and it will be the duty of the telephone people to arrange for the connection at whatever place the speaker happens to be when called upon.

Contest of Literary Societies.
(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Lexington, Va., Jan. 19.—In the annual debaters' contest of the Literary Societies of Washington and Lee University, to-night, the judges, Hon. W. A. Anderson, Colonel Robert Colwell and Mr. Paul M. Penick, awarded the orator's medal to Mr. W. J. Bryan, and the debater's medal to Mr. R. W. Withers.

Communication Interrupted.
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
New York, Jan. 19.—The Commercial Cable Company has sent out the following notice: "We are advised that telegraphic communication with the islands of Panay, Negros and Zebu, Philippine Islands, is temporarily interrupted."

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